



## News from West Valley City Hall

May 2010

### City Council Members:

- Mike Winder, Mayor
- Corey Rushton, At-Large
- Don Christensen, At-Large
- Carolynn Burt, District 1
- Steve Buhler, District 2
- Russ Brooks, District 3
- Steve Vincent, District 4

### Public Meetings

City Council – first four Tuesdays of the month at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

Planning Commission – second and fourth Wednesday of the month at 4 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

### City Phone Numbers:

Main Number..... 801-966-3600  
City Manager..... 801-963-3220  
Police Department. 801-963-3386  
Police Dispatch..... 801-840-4000  
Fire Department..... 801-963-3336  
Emergency ..... 911  
Family Fitness Center ..... 801-955-4000  
Garbage Questions 801-955-3720  
Storm Water Utility.. 801-963-3448  
Housing Authority . 801-963-3320  
Parks and Rec..... 801-955-4000  
Harman Home ..... 801-965-5822  
Stonebridge Golf Course..... 801-957-9000  
West Ridge Golf Course..... 801-965-5800  
Graffiti Hot Line ..... 801-963-3467  
Animal Services..... 801-965-5800  
Victims Services .... 801-963-3223  
Ordinance Compliance ..... 801-963-3289  
Utah Cultural Celebration Center ..... 801-965-5100

### Website:

[www.wvc-ut.gov](http://www.wvc-ut.gov)

West Valley City Hall  
3600 S. Constitution Blvd.  
WVC, UT 84119

City Hall Hours:  
Monday – Thursday  
7 a.m. – 6 p.m.

### Happy Birthday West Valley City!

*By Mayor Mike Winder*

In honor of West Valley City's 30th birthday, which we celebrate this summer, I would like to share 30 significant events that happened in our city's history. Did I miss any? Visit me on Facebook and let me know!

**1980-** Granger, Hunter & Redwood residents vote to incorporate as West Valley City, pop. 72,509

**1980-** Three months after incorporation vote, city survives vote to disincorporate

**1981-** Voters change the city's form of government from a three-member commission to a council-manager form

**1983-** Pioneer Valley Hospital opens

**1984-** West Valley legislator and native Norm Bangerter elected governor

**1988-** To keep employer Hercules (now ATK) in the state, city annexes the West Ridge area

**1989-** KFC founder Pete Harman gifts his boyhood home to the city to become the Harman Senior Recreation Center

**1990-** Hunter High school opens as city's 2nd high school

**1990-** City moves into new City Hall, pop. 86,976

**1991-** City opens 1st golf course, West Ridge

**1991-** 1st segment of Bangerter Highway opens

**1995-** Hunter Library, West Valley's 2nd library, opens

**1996-** Gov. Mike Leavitt declares West Valley City a "First Class City" as population hits 100,000

**1997-** 10,500 seat E-Center opens (named Maverik Center in 2010)

**1998-** City dedicates Hale Centre Theatre, which becomes Utah's #1 paid performing arts venue

**1999-** City opens 96,000 sq ft Family Fitness Center

**1999-** A Johnny Miller designed golf course—Stonebridge—opens in the Lake Park Corporate Center

**2002-** City hosts ice hockey for Winter Olympics

**2002-** West Valley joins 15 other cities to create UTOPIA (Utah Telecommunications Open Infrastructure Agency) to build a network of fiber optics in the city

**2003-** Utah Cultural Celebration Center opens

**2003-** Crime-ridden Harvey Street completely redeveloped

**2003-** USANA Amphitheater opens for outdoor concerts

**2008-** Ground is broken for West Valley's TRAX light rail line

**2009-** New animal shelter and Community Preservation Department building opens

**2010-** Valley Fair Mall embarks on a \$15 million renovation

**2010-** 3500 South widened and beautified, and MAX (bus rapid transit) begins service

**2010-** City celebrates 30th anniversary, pop. 125,000

### Bill Green Retires From Building Inspections

By Ed Domian, C.B.O.

There will be one less familiar face at the Building Permit Counter at West Valley City Hall. Long time City employee William G. Green retired on June 15, 2010 after 25 years of dedicated service to contractors, architects, engineers, and the many citizens of our City. Bill was hired as the first City building inspector in 1980 but left midyear to return to work for the City of Lindon near his home. For Lindon City Bill wore many hats simultaneously including Building Official, Public Works Director, Zoning Administrator, and Assistant City Manager. He returned to employment with West Valley City as a Building Inspector in 1985 serving the building public until his retirement last week.

From 1985 - 1992 Bill Green performed more than 25,000 building inspections. From 1992 - 2010 Bill reviewed building plans for more than \$750 million in construction valuation. Bill thoroughly enjoyed the challenge of large complex

building plans. He was always patient with the thousands of local do-it-yourselfers who frequented our public building permit counter. Over the last 25 years Bill learned to overcome language barriers. He took special interest in helping home owners with their building plans.

Bill was also very active in the Bonneville Chapter, an organization of building officials, building inspectors, and plans examiners dedicated to building safety. Bill was recruited often to teach building inspectors for the Bonneville Chapter and for the State. He was selected to serve twice on State Building Code Advisory Committees. Bill Green served as Bonneville Chapter President in 2009 and addressed members of the State Legislature in that capacity regarding State building code adoption.

Bill Green spent his entire 25 year career in Building Inspections trying to be the best he could be, to learn as much as he could about building codes, sharing his knowledge through plan review,

Neighborhood Nights:  
National Night Out 2010  
**SAVE THE DATES**



POLICE-COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

Neighborhood Nights:  
National Night Out Kick-off  
**Monday, August 2**

Utah Cultural Celebration Center  
5:30-8:00 p.m.

WorldStage! FREE Summer concert  
series featuring Fuzion

**Monday, August 2**

Utah Cultural Celebration Center  
8:00-9:30 p.m.

Neighborhood Nights:  
National Night Out  
**Tuesday, August 3**

Neighborhood Block Party Night. Plan  
your neighborhood block party now!

Neighborhood Nights:  
Police Safety Fair

**August 6-7**

Valley Fair Mall  
1:00-7:00 p.m.

Chief Chat

**Wednesday, August 11**

Utah Cultural Celebration Center  
6:30-8:00 p.m.

**Thursday, August 12**

Community Preservation Headquarters  
6:30-8:00 p.m.

Neighborhood Nights:  
ID Theft Awareness Seminar

**Thursday, August 19**

Community Preservation Headquarters  
6:30-8:00 p.m.

More information is available online at

[www.wvc-ut.gov/nno](http://www.wvc-ut.gov/nno)

### Hiring Crossing Guards

West Valley City is hiring crossing guards for the 2010-2011 school year. To apply, please visit Human Resources at West Valley City Hall (3600 South Constitution Blvd.) Interviews will be held in August. If you have any additional questions, please contact Officer Dale Ann Wright at 801-955-4106.

building inspections, and teaching. It was always Bill's goal to make sure all buildings constructed in West Valley City under his watch would be safe for everyone who entered those buildings, who worked in those buildings, and who slept in those buildings for decades to come. Bill Green found true purpose in his 25 years as a public servant. We will all miss Bill Green! We all wish him a fulfilling and happy retirement!



# West Valley City Police Department Safety Fair

Friday, August 6 and Saturday, August 7



Valley Fair Mall  
3601 South 2700 West

**FREE**

1:00 p.m. to  
7:00 p.m.



K-9 Unit Demonstrations  
Daily at 2:00 and 5:00

SWAT Team Appearance  
Motorcycle Display  
Mobile Command Center Tours  
Metro Gang Unit Booth  
Home Security & Asset Protection  
Neighborhood Watch Information  
Children's Coloring Contest  
Finger Printing Kits



West Valley City  
**Neighborhood Night**  
**National Night Out 2010**  
"Give Neighborhood Crime and Drugs A Going Away Party"



## HOT CAR + CHILD = TRAGEDY

By Captain Anita Schwemmer



As we enter the hot summer months it is extremely important for parents and caregivers to remember not to leave children unattended in a vehicle, not even for a minute! Every year in the US an average of 37 children die of hyperthermia because they were left unattended in a vehicle. Half of these deaths involve children under the age of two.

Even when the exterior temperature is only 70 degrees, the interior temperature of your vehicle will reach 104 degrees in only ten minutes, which is hot enough to cause death. In twenty minutes the temperature inside your vehicle will reach over 140 degrees. Studies showed that leaving windows cracked open

had little effect on the interior temperature.

Children's small bodies do not regulate temperature as well as adults. This makes them especially susceptible to even small changes in heat or cold over short periods of time. **THERE IS NO SAFE LENGTH OF TIME TO LEAVE A CHILD UNATTENDED IN A VEHICLE!!!!** Always remove your child from the vehicle and take them with you.

If you see a child left alone in a vehicle **PLEASE:**

- Call 911
- If the vehicle is unlocked and it is safe to do so, remove the child from the vehicle and place the child in a cool place to wait for medics and police.
- Check the child's breathing and heart beat; render first aid if you are qualified.
- Sponge the child with cool water while waiting for the medics to arrive.

**ALWAYS** check to make sure everyone is out of the vehicle before locking it. Remember – This applies to your pets as well!

(Facts from "Hyperthermia Deaths of Children in Vehicles" by Jan Null, CCM, <http://ggweather.com/heat>)

## John Janson Retires from Planning and Zoning

After nearly 30 years of dedicated service to West Valley City, John Janson retired on June 15, 2010 as the Assistant Community and Economic Development Director/Planning Director. John was hired by West Valley as a planner shortly after the City's incorporation in 1980. About 5 years later John was promoted to be the City's Planning Director.

As the Planning Director, John was responsible for the development of the City's three General Plans. These plans have significantly influenced how development has occurred in West Valley since 1984 when the City's first General Plan was adopted. Some of the goals outlined in the City's General Plans that have been accomplished under John's direction include: improving the appearance of residential areas, rezoning established single family home areas zoned for duplexes to single family zoning, improving multi-family housing design characteristics, establishing a park system for general city wide use, and coordinating with UTA to provide more extensive transit service. In addition to his work on the City's General Plans, John supervised the review of thousands of applications for subdivisions, conditional use permits, zone changes, and building permits to ensure that development occurred in accordance with City standards.

John possesses many attributes and skills that will be sorely missed at West Valley. As a planner, he genuinely wanted to help make the City a better place. He used his sense of humor and common sense to problem solve and provide exceptional customer service to residents, developers, coworkers, and others. As the Planning Director, John's door was always open to mentor young planners and to help encourage good development as new projects were reviewed. He was able to reach consensus on many difficult issues with his unmatched facilitation skills.

John will definitely be missed at West Valley. We wish him a wonderful retirement filled with lots of outdoor adventures.

## Harman Senior Recreation Center Activities

4090 South 3600 West  
801-965-5822

The Harman Senior Recreation Center is a recreation and activity center for active seniors, offering a variety of fun and exciting classes, outings, and adventures. The Harman Center also offers a variety of informational seminars specifically for seniors.

### July

- 14 Klown A Rounds, 11 a.m.
- 15 AARP Driving
- 15 Ice Cream (by Beehive Homes), 10:30 a.m.
- 16 Millcreek Canyon & Lunch, 10 a.m.
- 16 Hunts Mystery Dinner, 5:30 p.m.
- 20 Faces of Utah Sculpture, 9:30 a.m.
- 21 Lowerly Organ Entertainment, 11 a.m.
- 23 Harman Senior Recreation Center Closed
- 23 Bee Game and Fireworks, 6 p.m.
- 27 Movie Tuesday
- 29 Podiatrist, 9:15 a.m.
- 29 Zumba Gold, 11 a.m.
- 30 Zumba Gold, 9:30 a.m.
- 30 Fun Bunch Lunch, 10:45 a.m.

For a complete calendar, visit  
[www.wvc-ut.gov/harman](http://www.wvc-ut.gov/harman).

### Weekly Activities

- Sign Language – Mondays, 10 a.m.
- Chess Club – Wednesdays, 12:30 p.m.
- Line Dancing – Mondays, 12:30 p.m.
- Ceramics – Thursdays, 10 a.m.
- Railroad Club – Tuesdays & Thursdays, 10 a.m.
- Tai Chi – Tuesdays, 1:30 p.m., FREE
- Bingo – Fridays, 10:15 a.m.
- Choir – Tuesdays and Wednesdays, 10 a.m.
- Drama Class – Wednesdays, 1 p.m.
- Billiards and Cards – Daily



## Calendar July

- 8 Face of Utah Sculpture (through September 26)  
Utah Cultural Celebration Center
- 14 Milk with the Mayor  
City Hall, 4:30 p.m.-5:30 p.m.
- 19 WorldStage Free Concert – Latin Jazz Factory  
Utah Cultural Celebration Center, 8 p.m.
- 19 Days of '47 Rodeo (through July 24)  
Maverik Center, 7 p.m.
- 26 WorldStage Free Concert – Smiling Souls  
Utah Cultural Celebration Center, 8 p.m.

## August

- 1 Face of Utah Sculpture (through September 26)  
Utah Cultural Celebration Center
- 2 WorldStage Free Concert – Fuzion  
Utah Cultural Celebration Center
- 3 The Wiggles Wiggle Circus  
Maverik Center, 6:30 p.m.
- 9 WorldStage Free Concert – International Folk Dance and Music  
Utah Cultural Celebration Center 8 p.m.
- 13 Western Indoor Motorcross Nationals (through August 15)  
Maverik Center, 7 p.m.
- 16 WorldStage Free Concert – The Soulistics  
Utah Cultural Celebration Center 8 p.m.
- 21 Fabolous with Paul Wall, Gorilla Zoe, and Webbie  
Maverik Center, 7, p.m.
- 23 WorldStage Free Concert – Junction City Big Band  
Utah Cultural Celebration Center 8 p.m.



West Bench Salt Lake County  
**August 20-21**  
West Valley City  
Centennial Park

Become a sponsor!  
Create a team!  
Join a team!

more information available at  
[www.relayforlife.org/westbenchut](http://www.relayforlife.org/westbenchut)

or contact Dustin Roethel  
[dustin.roethel@cancer.org](mailto:dustin.roethel@cancer.org)  
(801) 493-4730

Send comments, questions  
and story ideas to:

West Valley City  
Update Newsletter  
3600 South  
Constitution Blvd.  
West Valley City, UT 84119

or E-mail: [info@wvc-ut.gov](mailto:info@wvc-ut.gov)



West Valley City has 78 Neighborhood Watch organizations throughout the City. Neighborhood Watch is a great way to get involved in your community and help make your neighborhood better. For more information about Neighborhood Watch or other neighborhood services, please contact our Neighborhood Services Office at (801) 963-3285 or online at [www.wvc-ut.gov/neighborhoods](http://www.wvc-ut.gov/neighborhoods).